IN SUPPORT OF BROWARD READS

JANUARY 2017

- WHEREAS: BROWARD READS IS A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE BETWEEN COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, BROWARD COUNTY, THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY, AND THE UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY, AMONG MANY OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS; AND
- WHEREAS: BROWARD READS FOCUSES ON FOUR CRITICAL AREAS: SCHOOL READINESS; CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM; FAMILY ENGAGEMENT; AND PREVENTING THE SUMMER LEARNING LOSS TO ENSURE BROWARD'S CHILDREN ARE READING AT GRADE LEVEL; AND
- WHEREAS: BROWARD READS IS PARTNERING WITH CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY TO DEMONSTRATE A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO MAKING GRADE LEVEL READING A PRIORITY WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT ALL OF BROWARD COUNTY; AND
- WHEREAS: A BROWARD READS CITY IDENTIFIES KEY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS THAT CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN EARLY LITERACY; AND
- **WHEREAS:** A BROWARD READS CITY COMMITS LEADING PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THE BROWARD READS CAMPAIGN; AND
- **WHEREAS:** A BROWARD READS CITY COMMITS TO DESIGNATING A CITY LIAISON TO ATTEND THE BROWARD READS FOR GRADE LEVEL READING'S BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS; AND
- **WHEREAS:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT ENSURING CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO READ AT GRADE LEVEL IS THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY; NOW
- **THEREFORE:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY DECLARES THAT THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD IS A BROWARD READS CITY COMMITTED TO ENSURING GRADE LEVEL LITERACY FOR ALL OF ITS CHILDREN.

SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2017, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI COMMISSIONER DEBRA CASE COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ COMMISSIONER RICHARD S. BLATTNER COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD